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By Order 2008-2-2, February 1, 2008, the Department requested proposals from air carriers interested in providing essential air service (EAS) at any or all of the above communities for a two-year period beginning when the selected carrier or carriers is ready to inaugurate service. In an email dated February 26, the Chief Operating Office of Hawaii Island Air requested a three-week extension of the due date for filing carrier proposals for all of the communities, from February 29 to March 21. He stated in his email that he needed the additional time to better assess the markets and determine the feasibility of filing a proposal. In response, also by email dated February 26, we requested input from each of the affected communities regarding the carrier's request. Most of the communities support the request, and none objected. Therefore, we will grant the request and extend the due date for carrier proposals from February 29 to March 21.

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